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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6265**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 50**

**DATE PREPARED:** Apr 10, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:** Apr 9, 2001

**SUBJECT:** Annual Review of First Steps Program.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill requires the Rehabilitation Services Bureau of the Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services, when contracting for job development, placement, or retention services, to contract with an organization or individual accredited by an independent national accreditation organization. The bill also requires the Commission on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities to annually review the Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities Program (commonly known as the "First Steps" program). (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Indiana Commission on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.)

**Effective Date:** (Amended) July 1, 2001, July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) The bill adds the annual review of the First Steps Program to the list of duties assigned to the Indiana Commission on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. This additional review responsibility can be accomplished within the level of funding currently available for the Commission.

The Rehabilitation Services Bureau currently requires organizations with which it contracts to be accredited, or in the process of becoming accredited, by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). Although this provision would not affect state expenditures, it would allow contractors to be accredited by other accrediting bodies as well which would eliminate some accreditation fees paid by agencies wishing to do business with the Bureau.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Family and Social Services Administration, Division of Disabilities, Aging and Rehabilitation.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Susan Preble, Legislative Liaison for the Family and Social Services Administration.